(b) whether Government had tried to call the meeting/meetings of both the Chief Ministers; and

(c) whether any suggestion received from either of the States is under the consideration of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The dispute is to be resolved primarily by the two State Governments themselves through discussions and mutual accommodation. The Government of India will be prepared to the two State Governments in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Release of Bonded Labour

2375. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported tragic death of at least five children belonging to Bandhua Mazdoor families, on 2nd June, 1992, in the Berkhera Jungles of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is Government's information about the death of these kids and the atrocities perpetrated on Bandhua Mazdoor families in question; and

(c) what steps have been taken and directions issued by Central Government to prevent atrocities on bonded labour and to free such labour from the clutches of contractors an dexploiters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that the owner of the Stone Crusher and 2 other persons were the parents of the deceased children had been working were arrested and a case has been registered against them under Sections 304, 374 IPC, Sections 16, 18 of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 and under Section 3 of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes (Prevision of Atrocities) Act.

(c) The Ministry of Labour has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to conduct periodic surveys through the existing agencies for identification of Bonded Labour. To assist the State Governments in the task of identification and rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers that Ministry is implementing the scheme in which voluntary agencies are involved in the process. Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act the identification and release of Bonded Labour and rehabilitation of freed Bonded Labours is the direct responsibility of the State Government, concerned.

बांग्लादेशियों का प्रत्यावर्तन

2376. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने चकमा शरणार्थियों को बांग्लादेश वापस भेजने के लिये वहां की सरकार से बातचीत की है और इन शरणार्थियों को शीघ्र ही वापस भेजा जायेगा ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इसी प्रकार से अन्य बांग्लादेशियों को भी वापस भेजने हेतु कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है जिनकी हमारे देश में संख्या निरंतर बढ़ती चली जा रही है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?